

# FOREIGN AVIATION NEWS.

## Latham Goes to the Congo.

HAVING received a permit from the French Colonial Office, Hubert Latham has proceeded to the French Congo in order to take part in some big game expeditions on the Ubhangí River. Incidentally, he intends to study the possibilities of aviation in the French Colonies, and for this purpose has taken a monoplane with him.

## New Year's Honours for French Military Aviators.

IN the list of French Military Honours published on New Year's Day appears the name of Sergeant Sommer, Corporal Aubrun, Sapper Renaux, and Captain Godart of the Army Reserve, who have been made Chevaliers of the Legion of Honour. On the active list, Lieut. Maillefer, Lieut. Malherbe, Captain Echeman, Lieut. Yence, and Captain Delassuf, are also announced as Chevaliers of the Legion of Honour, while a large number of military pilots have been put forward for promotion.

## The Air Force at Tripoli.

THE Italian military aviators and aeronauts at Tripoli have had a serious setback owing to the very severe storm which prevailed on the 16th and 17th ult., as a result of which one of the dirigibles, from which much had been hoped, was so seriously damaged that it will probably have to be sent back to Italy for repairs. It appears that one of the great hangars that had been built was blown down on the top of one of the airships, "P 2," which had just been got ready for inflating, and the car was very badly buckled and damaged, although the envelope only suffered slightly. The other dirigible, "P 3," escaped injury, but the Italian army are without a sheltered place in which to erect it. The number of aeroplanes at the front has now grown to 22, 9 of which are at Tripoli, 5 at Derna, 4 at Zobrouck, and 4 at Benghasi. The pilots at Zobrouck are volunteers, including Cagne, Ruggeroni, Rossi, and Re.

## Morin among the Trees.

WHILE passing over the woods at Artix during his first attempt for the French Superior Certificate over a course from Pau to Peyrehorade and back. Morin had trouble with his motor and had to come down among the trees. Fortunately, however, he escaped unhurt.

## Mdme. Hanriot Flies With Her Son.

ON Monday at Rheims, Marcel Hanriot took his mother for a lengthy trip, at a height of 800 metres, while Hanriot père also made a passenger flight, taking his mechanic for a jaunt over the Bethany Plain.

## An Aviator in a Duel.

OWING, it is said, to a political misunderstanding, a duel was fought on Sunday, at Paris, between M. Fournel, a deputy, and M. Fabry, well known as a racing motor driver and also as an aeroplane pilot. The deputy was wounded in the fourth bout, but insisted on continuing, and was wounded again in the sixth bout when the contest was then brought to a close, rather more damage than usual in French duels having been inflicted on both combatants.

## Col. Bouttieaux in the Air.

ON the 28th ult., Col. Bouttieaux made a special visit to Chalons Camp, in order to have a look at the new biplane with hood for military use, which has been built by Mr. Henry Farman. In the afternoon, Col. Bouttieaux was taken for several demonstration flights with Mr. Farman, and spent quite a long time discussing details of the new machine.

## Japanese Mission at Villacoublay.

ON the 29th ult., members of the Japanese Imperial Mission paid a visit to Villacoublay, and witnessed some flights made by Labouret on one of the new Astra-type C biplanes. Afterwards three members of the mission were carried for a flight.

## The Toulon Meeting.

THIS meeting, which started on the 23rd ult., was sadly spoilt by bad weather, although practically every day some sort of a flight was made by one or other of the aviators engaged. During the first few days flights were made by Brindejone des Moulinais on his Morane mono-

plane, while on the 29th Laurens was also up on a Deperdussin, as also was Dancourt on a Blériot. On the 29th ult. Brindejone des Moulinais started from Toulon and flew over to Nice, making a stop at Frejus on the way. From Nice he proposed to go on by way of the air to visit his parents at St. Laurent du Var. On one or two days Guillemart also made several flights on a Nieuport. On Sunday, Brindejone des Moulinais flew back from Nice to Toulon in 1 hr. 25 mins.

## Flying Home from the Military Competition.

SEVERAL of the competitors in the Military Competition had already flown their machines home from Rheims, when, on the 29th ult., Frantz, on the Savary, with a passenger, and Verrier, on a Farman, set out to fly home, the former to Chartres and the latter to Juvisy. They travelled by way of the air in company to Beauvais Park, at Meau, where they spent the night, and then departed in different directions to their respective destinations.

## Fast Flying on Sommer.

LEAVING Mourmelon on a Sommer monoplane on the 31st ult., Bathiat flew *via* Rheims, Mezieres, and Sedan, and landed at Douzy, after having covered 150 kiloms. in 1 hr. 5 min.

## An Aerodrome for Belgian Military Pilots.

IT is reported that the Belgian Military Authorities have decided to acquire the Ans Aerodrome, so that they may have a flying ground for military pilots in the zone round the Meux Forts.

## German Automatic Stability Monoplane.

ON the 26th ult., at Johannistahl, a Dutch flyer, Fokkar, was testing a monoplane, fitted with automatic stability, without wings warping, the machine appearing to, in a measure, justify its inventor's claims.

## An Austrian Lady Flyer.

AUSTRIA promises soon to have a capable lady pilot, as Fraulein Lily Steinschneider has been making some excellent flights on her monoplane at the Weiner Neustadt flying ground, and should very shortly qualify for her certificate.

## Another Trans-Atlantic Flight Promised.

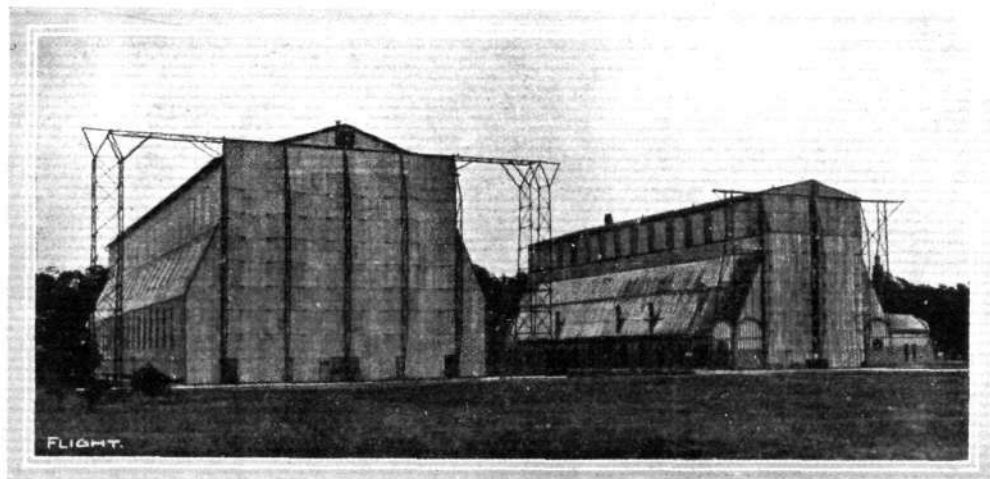
IT is reported from New York that Harry N. Attwood is now taking definite steps with a view to making an attempt to fly across the Atlantic during next April. He has ordered an improved hydro-aeroplane, and proposes to start from Newfoundland, and hopes to accomplish the trip to the Irish Coast in thirty hours.

## An American Benevolent Fund.

THE Aeronauts Fund Association has been incorporated at Albany, N.Y., with the object of helping disabled aviators and making grants to widows and orphans in the case of fatal accidents. Among the prime movers are "Bud" Mars, Walter Brookins, Capt. Baldwin, and Arnold Kruckman, the latter being also the acting secretary. Two benefit performances have already been arranged in New York theatres, and a number of pilots have offered to give their services at a big meet to be held in the early summer.

## Flying in Ceylon.

THE first flight in Ceylon was seen on Christmas Day, when Franz Oster made some trips over the racecourse at Colombo. Unfortunately while ending the last one the machine fell from a height of 68 feet, but the aviator escaped practically uninjured.



Two of the military airship sheds at Tegel.